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PEAT INDUSTRY RECEIVES NEW MACHINERY

PEAT PRODUCTION BEGINS IN ESTONIA -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 104, 5 May 49

The seasonal extraction of peat has begun in Estonia. The "Lehtse" and "Lavassaare" peat enterprises, under the Ministry of Shale Chemical Industry, were the first to begin processing peat. The "Estonenergo," "Elamaa," and "Ullila" peat enterprises, the largest in Estonia, have also begun operations.

The new FTK-2 peat-gathering combine, capable of doing the work of 75 men, has been put in operation this season. Other machines used in the peat bogs are self-propelled peat excavators, electrical machines, and self-propelled carriers.

PEAT-CUTTING MECHANIZATION INCREASES -- Pravda, No 132, 12 May 49

Mechanization of peat cutting has increased to four times the prewar level during the present season. During the 1949 season, 26 additional electrical machines made in Sverdlovsk are operating in the peat bogs of Sverdlovsk Oblast. In Bas'yanovskiy Peat Enterprises drainage work is being completed by mechanized methods with the aid of disk drainage machines.

ARMENIA CONSTRUCTS NEW PEAT BRIQUETTE PLANT -- Kommunist, No 107, 8 May 49

The construction of a new peat briquette plant of the Ministry of the Local Industry Armenian SSR, has been started in Kaliningrad. The new plant will press peat into briquettes, which will considerably improve the quality of the peat as fuel and facilitate its transport. Complete mechanization of peat cutting is planned in connection with the construction of the new plant.

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